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PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE MEDIUM-TERM PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 1992-1997*

MAJOR PROGRAMME I. MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY, DISARMAMENT AND DECOLONIZATION

Programme 2. Political and Security Council affairs

1. The preparation, format and content of the medium-term plan and its revisions are governed by the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/PPBME Rules/1(1987)).

2. Regulation 3.11 provides, inter alia, that the medium-term plan shall be revised as necessary every two years to incorporate required programme changes and that the proposed revisions shall be as detailed as required to incorporate the programme implications of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the intergovernmental organs or international conferences since the adoption of the plan.

3. The revisions proposed below modify the title and the relevant parts of the narrative of programme 2, Political and Security Council affairs, of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, which was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/253 of 21 December 1990 and issued in document A/45/6/Rev.1. The revisions do not reflect a fundamental change in the mandate of the programme. Instead, in the overall strategy, they reflect the organizational changes arising from the reorganization of the Secretariat.

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* After adoption by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, the complete revised medium-term plan will be issued in final printed form as Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/47/6/Rev.1).

4. The following text modifies the title of programme 2 and paragraphs 2.3, 2.5 to 2.7 and 2.11 to 2.15 of A/45/6/Rev.1.

A. Programme

5. It is proposed to revise the title of programme 2 to read: "SECURITY COUNCIL AFFAIRS".

2. Overall strategy

Paragraph 2.3 — Replace paragraph 2.3 with the following:

"Activities under this programme will be carried out by the Department of Political Affairs, which incorporates the former Department of Political and Security Council Affairs. A description of the functions of the Department of Political Affairs will be contained in the Organizational Manual of the Secretariat (Secretary-General's Bulletin ST/SGB/Organization) to reflect the changes."

Paragraph 2.5 — Replace paragraph 2.5 with the following:

"In carrying out those activities, the Department will need to ensure effective coordination with the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, the Department of Peace-keeping Operations and the Office of Legal Affairs in connection with the work of the Security Council and with a number of other departments and offices, including the Department of Humanitarian Affairs and the Department of Public Information, in connection with the fulfilment of their related responsibilities."

3. Subprogramme structure and priorities

Paragraph 2.6 — Replace paragraph 2.6 with the following:

"The programme has only one subprogramme, entitled 'Security Council and political committees activities'."

Paragraph 2.7 — Revise paragraph 2.7 to read:

"No priority designation is made since the programme now has only one subprogramme."

B. Subprogrammes

SUBPROGRAMME 1. SECURITY COUNCIL AND POLITICAL COMMITTEES ACTIVITIES

Title and number of subprogramme

The title of the subprogramme does not change but no numbering is assigned since it is proposed that the programme have only one subprogramme.

Paragraph 2.11

Delete the phrase: ",and in particular the Security Council and Political Committees Division,".

Insert new subparagraphs (f) to (j) as follows:

"(f) Service the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean with a view to implementing the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace;

"(g) Provide substantive servicing for annual sessions of the First Committee as they relate to the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean, the question of Antarctica and the international security items dealt with in that Committee - including the strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region and the review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security - the promotion of peace and regional security, cooperation and zones of peace; and assist Member States in the implementation of resolutions, decisions and recommendations dealing with international peace and security;

"(h) Coordinate the annual observances of the International Day of Peace and the International Week of Science and Peace;

"(i) Prepare various information materials related to peace issues;

"(j) Assist and advise non-governmental organizations and academic institutions undertaking projects in the promotion of peace."

SUBPROGRAMME 2. SERVICES FOR POLITICAL AND SECURITY AFFAIRS

Delete subprogramme 2 (titles and paras. 2.12-2.15).

As a result of the reorganization of the Secretariat, the objectives and course of action of the Secretariat are currently reflected under the remaining subprogramme of programme 2 and under the revised subprogramme 3, Research, collection and analysis of information, of programme 1, Good offices, preventive diplomacy and peacemaking, peace-keeping, research and the collection and analysis of information.